

## LURED FROM HOME, GIRL TELLS TALE TO THE POLICE

Philadelphian Says She Escaped Here From Abductors.

Telling a tale of having been induced by a man and a woman to board a train in Philadelphia on the pretense that her aunt wanted her, and of being brought to Washington, Margaret Curren, a sixteen-year-old girl, who gives her address as 1806 Hamilton street, Philadelphia, applied at the Alexandria police headquarters last evening for relief.

According to the story told by the girl to a reporter for The Times this morning, she lives in Philadelphia with her widowed mother at the address given. Last Monday afternoon, about 2:30 o'clock, her mother sent her on an errand. She passed the station at Fifteenth and Market streets. At this corner she met a man and a woman who told her that her aunt wanted to see her in the station.

Thinking that she was wanted by her aunt, the girl went into the station, but did not see her relative. She was then told that her aunt had got on the train, and following the man and the woman she also boarded a train, which, in a few minutes, was speeding on to Washington.

Arriving in Washington, she claims that the man and the woman took her to a boarding house, but on what street she was unable to remember. She stayed in Washington before. She stayed with them under protest, as they threatened to run a knife through her if she dared say a word.

Yesterday afternoon the man and the woman took her for a walk, and they went into a saloon and tried to force her to accompany them. She refused, and told them she would wait outside until they came out. When they had gotten inside, however, she ran off. She met a cab driver and asked him to direct her to a railway station, telling him her tale. He purchased a ticket on the electric cars for her, she says, and told the conductor to put her off at Alexandria. She arrived there after dark last evening, and, being without money or friends, made application to the police for assistance.

She describes the woman as being dark complexioned and being about thirty-five years of age. The man she says is about twenty-five years of age. She did not hear them call each other by name, so can give no clue as to who they were.

The girl, when seen at Police Headquarters, was a white skirt and gray shirt, with her black hair pulled to her shoulders loosely. She wore a gray hat trimmed with black.

She claims to have three brothers living in Philadelphia, and the police are making arrangements to send her to her home in that city.

### Chila Abducted, Mother Asserts, In Pitiful Tale

Reciting a pitiful story of hardships that she had endured since the death of her husband, Mrs. Sara Bates, twenty years old, called at Police Headquarters this morning, and told how her three-year-old child was kidnapped from a house in Laurel, Md., yesterday. On information furnished by Mrs. Bates the police are looking for Alfred Lewis Allen, who is said to have taken the child to Baltimore with him yesterday.

Mrs. Bates is a native of Philadelphia. She was married when seventeen years old. Her husband died nearly a year ago. Shortly after his death, she says, she met Allen, who induced her to accompany him to Washington. Mrs. Bates says she came to Washington with Allen, with the understanding that he was to marry her when they arrived here.

The ceremony was postponed on several occasions, and finally Mrs. Bates became convinced that Allen had no intention of marrying her. Leaving Washington, she went to live with Mrs. W. E. Johnson, at Oak Crest, Laurel, Md. Allen, she asserts, wrote her several letters, asking her to come back to Washington.

She paid no attention to the communications, she says, and Allen returned to Philadelphia. Yesterday she came to Washington to spend the day. During her absence, Allen, the police claim, went to Laurel, and told Mrs. Johnson that Mrs. Bates would not return. He said that Mrs. Bates had sent him for the child.

Thinking that Mrs. Bates had decided to return to Philadelphia, Mrs. Johnson gave him the child. The police managed to trace Allen's movements to Washington and say that he and the child got on a train for Baltimore between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Baltimore and Philadelphia authorities were notified by wire to watch for Allen.

Mrs. Bates told Inspector Boardman that the life Allen had expected her to lead had been unbearable, and that when she found out he had no intention of marrying her she decided to get out of the city.

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## COMMERCE CHAMBER DIRECTORS MEET

Election of a Permanent Secretary Urged by D. J. Callahan.

"The time is now ripe to select a permanent secretary for the Chamber of Commerce, and I wish to serve notice now that I shall move the election of that officer at the next meeting of the board of directors. The activity of nearly every committee of this chamber is halted on account of the absence of the proper official to execute their plans."

In this vigorous manner D. J. Callahan urged the adoption of a resolution, introduced by D. J. Kaufman, chairman of the retail trade committee, at the April meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon.

The only other warm discussion of the meeting was over a communication from the Central Labor Union asking the appointment of a committee of five to assist in bringing an amicable adjustment of the troubles in the building trades. Capt. James F. Oyster advocated the appointment of a committee to discover just what was the purpose and intention of the labor men.

E. C. Graham charged the Central Labor Union with full responsibility for the obstacles that had been put in the way of the building industry. In the Chamber he suggested a reply be sent that the Chamber could not see its way clear to interfere in any dispute unless both parties sought its good offices. He was appointed to a committee of five to be appointed to frame a letter along these lines, and that it be referred to the executive committee before being sent. This motion prevailed.

## ANTI-BUCKETSHOP BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED

Favorable report to the House was made today by the District Committee on the Campbell bill to abolish bucketshops in the District of Columbia. The bill was so amended as to provide that any corporation violating the law should have its charter nullified on the second offense. The committee also set April 6 as the day for a public hearing on the "wets" on the prohibition question.

## WIND INSTRUMENTS OF GREAT ANTIQUITY

All readers of classic literature know that the great god Pan made his pipes out of the hollow reeds he had plucked by the river side. In a recent address delivered before the members of the Birmingham University Musical Society on "The Evolution of the Wood Wind," William Bentley dealt with the evolution of modern orchestral instruments from primitive types. The detritus of gold and Greece and Rome were firmly seated in their places of power when many of the modern pipes were first fashioned, and the motley divinites of Egypt were swaying the destinies of that strange people when the primitive pipes were formed from a Nile reed. The flute can be traced back to the twelfth dynasty, or about 5,000 years ago. The modern clarinet can also be traced back through the argonne to the mumm or wailing flutes in use about 3,000 years ago. Measured copies of these instruments were exhibited before the Birmingham Society, and also specimens of the sumerian. This was the "double-reed pipe used by the Egyptians, and was closely akin to the diatona of the Greeks. By means of large sized models the lecturer explained the action of the reed in producing musical sounds, and his address was made additionally interesting by the performance of passages on the various instruments, some of the music selected being of great antiquity.—Exchange.

## ANANIAS' CALLING.

The Dentist—Now, open wide your mouth, and I won't hurt you a bit. The Patient (after the extraction)—Doctor, I know what Ananias did for a living now.—Home Herald.

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## SCHOOL REPAIRS RE-ENTER AS WAY TO KEEP CLASSES

Commissioners Tell Education Board Buildings Must Be Closed.

In a letter to the Board of Education today, the Commissioners say they regret they cannot agree with the board in its suggestions of minor changes at the McCormick and Potomac school buildings as a means of continuing the classes now being held in these buildings. The Commissioners say:

"The Commissioners cannot take the responsibility of disregarding the recommendations of the chief engineer of the fire department, which he stated to be urgent, and which the Commissioners therefore transferred to the Board of Education for appropriate action."

"In case of fire at either of these school buildings, the consequences might be of the most serious character, and the Commissioners cannot agree that the inconveniences now caused the pupils and teachers by partly or wholly closing the school buildings in question can be seriously considered in comparison with what might happen to the pupils and teachers, if they are continued in buildings of such a dangerous character. Nothing less than the execution of the chief engineer's recommendation will satisfy the Commissioners or the community that these buildings are safe."

## QUEEN OF HOLLAND ERNEST STUDENT

The Queen of Holland is another young woman who believes that even women of royalty have a right to their own tastes and interests. She is devoted to the subject of genealogy. She devotes hours studying the traditions of her house and discussing the great deeds of the house of Orange. She is as proud of this title as being Queen of the Netherlands. She is so proud of her country that Dutch is the language she speaks of her subjects and will have none other spoken at court.

A few years ago, when she paid a visit to England, a Dutch friend living there called on her and the Queen remarked she would like to see the children. When she inquired if they had been taught Dutch, the lady answered:

"It is difficult to have them talk their mother tongue here," said the Queen. "That is extremely wrong. As you children cannot speak Dutch, I do not wish to see them now. When you have them learn their mother tongue it will be a great pleasure for me to meet them."

The Queen is passionately fond of children and the greatest sorrow in her life is that she never had a warm little heart to draw close to her own and two chubby arms to clasp her neck. When some little child recognizes her, she hastens to gather an old fashioned bouquet she prizes it more than all other gifts. That she loves children is shown by the fact that she gives garden party for all the little Dutch folk at The Hague on her birthday.

She is especially fond of her soldiers and takes great delight in seeing them pass in review. She loves to be present on horseback at the inspections of her troops. She is a fearless horsewoman and rides every day.—Exchange.

## HIS SUCCESSFUL PLEA.

The late Judge Pettigill, of the Maiden district court concealed under an apparently staid and sober a kind heart and nothing touched him so quickly as an unintentional witicism, especially if it were at the expense of the court.

One day a prisoner, arraigned before him for drunkenness and still under the influence of liquor, pleaded as hard as he could to be placed on probation.

"Why should I place you on probation?" said the judge, sternly. "Why, you're drunk now."

"No, I'm not, your honor," said the poor prisoner, earnestly. "I'm as sober as a judge."

He was placed on probation.—Boston Herald.

## BIG BATTLESHIPS ARE ADVOCATED IN WHITE HOUSE

President Approves Sentiments of Peace Society Delegates.

"Build big battleships and plenty of them, to preserve the peace of the world."

This was the doctrine expounded by the President and a delegation of peace-loving citizens from North Carolina, at the White House today, and as all the parties concerned in the discussion agreed perfectly upon the policy to be pursued, there was not a discordant note in the chorus.

The North Carolina Peace Society, which expects eventually to become nationwide in its influence, was represented by its president, Hayne Davis, and a delegation of fifteen members. Congressman Hobson, the "big navy" congressman from Alabama, arranged for the call during a visit he made to the President's office this morning.

Senator Overman, Mr. Davis, and others made enthusiastic speeches, and the President expressed his pleasure over the meeting, and the work of the Peace Society.

## STUDYING UP HISTORY.

As the small boy was standing on one of the best library chairs, and clanking with his grubby paws, some of the choicest bindings in the bookcase, his progenitor, entering suddenly, cried rather sharply:

"What are you doing at that bookcase, Wilfred?"

"Tryin' to find the 'History of England'."

"What for?"

"Why, Joe Billings at our school says that Tait played for Tottenham Hotspur the year before last, and I say he didn't!"—Tit-Bits.

## LAND FRAUD CASE DRAGS IN COURT

More Talesmen Are Needed to Fill the Box.

The panel of twenty-six men was almost exhausted when the work of selecting a jury to serve in the Hyde-Diamond-Benson-Schneider land fraud case rested for adjournment this afternoon. Eight men had been excused.

The selection of the jury will undoubtedly "ke up the entire day and part of tomorrow, for it is likely that talesmen will have to be secured to make up the jury when the present panel is exhausted. As yet it is uncertain whether the opening argument of the Government which is to be made by Assistant Attorney General Pugh, will be made this week.

When court opened this morning, Justice Stafford announced that he had sustained the demurrer to the plea in abatement entered by A. A. Birney on behalf of John A. Benson.

## COSTLY FURNITURE.

Enormous as was the price 1,500 guineas—paid the other day for a Louis XVI settee and six fauteuils, it is insignificant, says the Westminster Gazette, compared with the £20,000 given not long ago by a French collector to Charles Wertheim for half a dozen Louis XIV chairs, upholstered in Gobelin tapestry, and originally made for the ill-fated Marie Antoinette.

And even such a figure as this would scarcely have alarmed the Indian prince who recently startled the world by ordering a suite of furniture in solid silver.

In the Lelong sale in Paris about five years ago Messrs. Duveen paid £8,500 for four fauteuils of the regency period, and in the Page-Turner sale of the same year a Louis XV suite of four pieces realized £1,732 10s.

At the Londerborough sale a suite of uncommon interest was bought by the Lanchester family for 1,000 guineas. It had originally been presented by Tipu Sahib to Warren Hastings and consisted of four arm chairs, a sofa, two cabinets, and a card table, all of solid ivory exquisitely carved.

## NEGRO IDENTIFIED BY MISS JENKINS AS HER ASSAILANT

Young Woman Positive Charles Catlett Is Man Who Robbed Her.

Charles Catlett, a negro, thirty-two years old, who was arrested last night by Policeman Joseph Waldron, of the Eighth precinct, was identified this morning by Miss Carrie Jenkins as the man who attacked and robbed her of a pocketbook in Riggs street Tuesday night. Miss Jenkins positively identified Catlett as her assailant, but the negro asserts that he was in another part of the city at the time the crime was committed. The police are investigating his story.

Waldron saw the negro on Fourteenth street about 8 o'clock last night. The policeman's attention was attracted by the manner in which he was watching white women who were walking on the street. Followed by the officer, the negro went through an alley between 8 and 7 streets, and Waldron placed him under arrest just as he was going into a house.

Miss Jenkins visited No. 8 station this morning. Captain Doyle had other negroes brought into his room, but Miss Jenkins said that none of them was the man who had attacked her. When Catlett was brought before her, she pointed at him and said:

"That's the man. I am positive he is the one."

## ANNOYANCE.

This is also that annoying month when, just as you are enjoying a good laugh at the man who is chasing his hat down the street, your own blows off—Indianapolis News.

## CANNON STRIKES AT ADMINISTRATION

Speaker Cannon today took action, which was considered by many members of the House as a direct slap at the manner in which two of the executive departments have been doing business, and incidentally at the Administration.

He introduced two resolutions inquiring whether the Departments of Commerce and Labor and Justice have done their duty in dealing with the International Paper Company of New York.

All this session terrible pressure has been brought to bear on the Speaker to have the tariff revised so as to put wood pulp and print paper on the free list. This pressure was made on the ground that the International Paper Company, aided by tariff, had raised the price of paper to an extortionate rate. Mr. Cannon's introduction of the two resolutions today is intended, it is thought, to convey to the country the idea that the Administration, and not he, should bear the blame for the operations of the tariff regarding paper.

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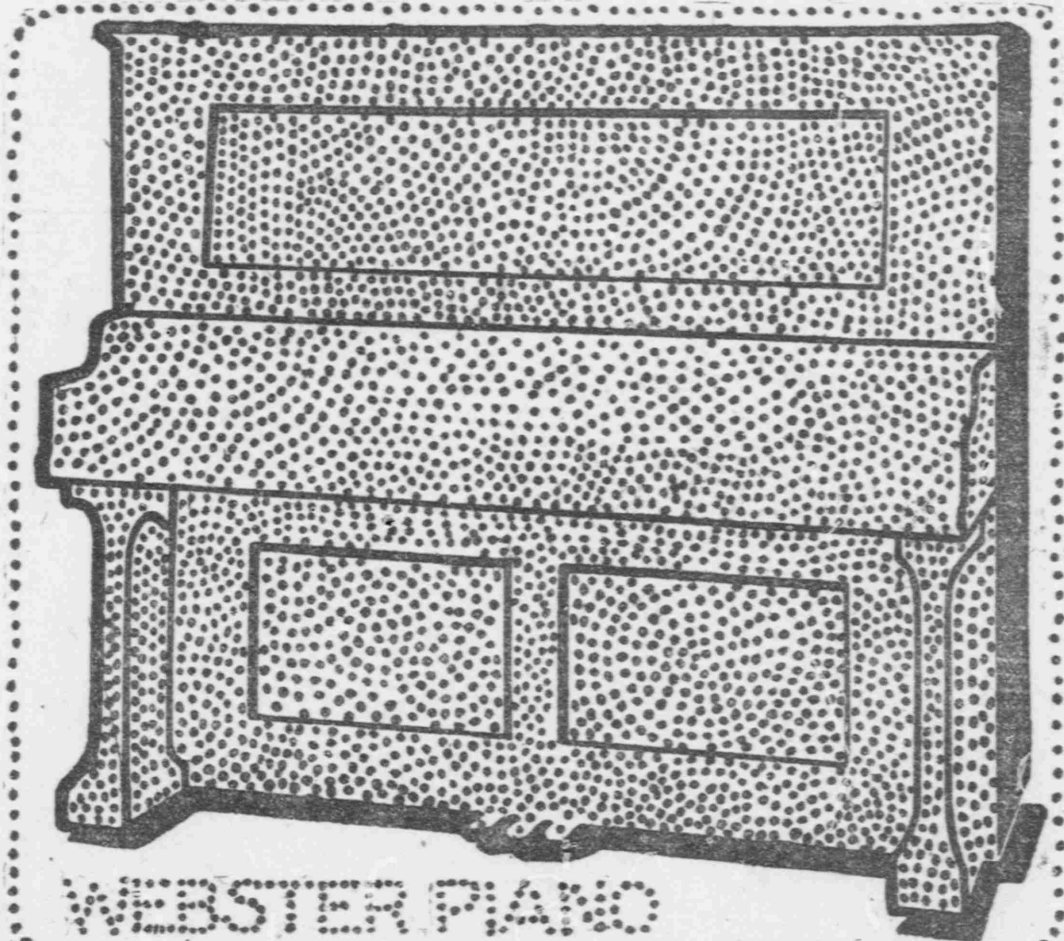
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